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Ambunda to defend his WBO Africa title

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WINDHOEK - The undefeated WBO Africa Bantamweight champion, Paulus 'The Rock' Ambunda will defend his title, tooth and nail, against the South African-born Klaas Mboyane tomorrow night.

The fight will be staged at Windhoek Country Club Resort and Casino.

Ambunda has a convincing record of 12 fights without any loss. Most of his fights ended in knockouts not exceeding the second round.

He is now rated number eight in the world, soon he will challenge or be invited by the WBO world champion to tussle for the lucrative belt.

His challenger, Mboyane is an experience pugilist with a record of 21 fights 12 wins 7 loses and two draws. Mboyane has been in business for sometimes.

If the challenger is well prepared he may go a distance, if not, one left hook and a right jab could finish him off within the first four rounds.

The fights will commence at

19h00 and tickets will go for N\$100 per person, announced the promoter of the boxing bonanza, Nestor Tobias.

There will be six international fights featuring six Namibians, four Zimbabweans and two South Africans, with only two fights that make out two local boxers exchange blows.

The opening fight of the night will engage Eric Kalenga versus Niilo Frans in their professional debut, followed by Pohamba Mandume (3, 1, 2) against Anthony Jaarman (1, 1). In the main supporting bout out of six undercards, Namibia's Wilberforce 'Black Mamba' Shihepo will take on John Chibuta from Zambia in the super middleweight category.

Shihepo has a record of 21 fights 14 wins and five loses, while Chibuta has a telling record of (13-12-1). This will be a ferocious fight before the main bout.

The fourth non-title bout of the night engaging Namibia's Tommy 'Lion' Hango and



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Modecai Donga will be another fierce battle to watch. The latter defeated the dethroned WBA Pan African champion Jason 'Taks' Naule in an international but non-title fight in not-too-distant future at the same venue (this year).

Gotlieb Ndokosho (Namibia) will take on Tawanda Chigwida from Zimbabwe in the junior lightweight class over six rounds.

Namibia's upcoming boxing prospect and undefeated in four professional fights, Immanuel 'The Prince' Naindjala is ready to rumble against Alfred Kashari (5, 3, 2).

Peter Malakia (Namibia) is one of the most improved boxers this country has ever produced. He will settle for nothing than a win when he takes on Lawrence Moyo from Zimbabwe.

The weighing-in of all participating boxers will be held today at 11h00 at the Boxing Control Board.

The Nestor 'Sunshine' Tobias Boxing and Fitness Academy urges all sponsors to come on board to sponsor the event.

Meroro betters his pro boxing record

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WINDHOEK - Vikapita 'Beast Master' Meroro was the man about town in the heart of Hamburg, when he defeated the substituted Russia's Jevgenijs Andrejevs, after the WBO world champion Juergen Braehmer has developed chicken bumps. He has opted out of the fight to defend his world title against the Namibian and WBO Africa champion.

Despite all types of maneuvers and Mickey Mouse tricks the Germans could think of, to willy-nilly cancel fight Meroro was determined to fight the champion, but it was not to be.

Nestor Tobias, trainer and manager of Meroro suspected that Braehmer got scared of Meroro after watching the videos of the WBO Africa champion.

"As a matter of fact, the on-and-off fight was cancelled and a surrogate was brought in, in the name of Andrejevs", says Tobias.

"These are some of the tricks one has to live with in boxing", adds



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Tobias. "If one has a chicken heart, he will surrender, stay without practicing but at the last end, you will be called to come and box".

The fight took place at Sport and Congress Center, Schwerin, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern in Germany.

Meroro won with a unanimous decision over eight rounds. The scorecards of the three judges read: Oliver Brien 55-59; Klaus Griesel 54-60 and Frank Michael Maass 54-60.

According to Tobias, Meroro was the star of the show. Everybody wanted to get associated with him.

"He got offers from Jab Promotions to fight in Russia for the WBO and IBF Inter-Continental on October 29, this year in Pietersburg (the then Leningrad).

"We will study their offer and see whether it will be possible for us to accept it, as Meroro will have to defend his title on August 20.

"That night will be a double header as Tyson Uushona will also defend his WBO Africa welterweight title", says Tobias.

NFA Congress in October

The Namibia Football Association (NFA) will hold its elective Congress in October, following decisions taken at the NFA Executive Committee meeting that took place on the side of the Football Administration and Management seminar held last weekend.

The course held at the Midgard Country Estate introduced participants to the latest development

programmes of the Association and how to deal with Finances and also covered issues of marketing, events management and competitions.

The delegates were also taken through the new registration and competitions management system that the NFA have acquired from CAF, aimed at easing player movement and competitions management.

Executive members of the NFA, who also formed part of the course, instructed the association's Secretary General, Barry Rukoro to call for the NFA Congress to be held on October 2. Details will be finalized in due course.

The Congress will elect the new NFA Executive Committee which will run football affairs for the next four years

from the date of their confirmation.

Another major decision taken by the Exco was to appoint Philemon 'Fire' Vatilifa as the official spokesperson of the association.

"I'm grateful for the confidence shown in me to occupy this very vital position in the football association and would, in consultations to relevant people execute my new duties to the best of my abilities", said Vatilifa, who is Program Coordinator at Rossing

Foundation Centre at Ondangwa.



John Muinjo, current President of NFA: What does the future holds for him?